

Goal-Happy Pullin Sets An Example

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Wycombe Wanderers 3, Bromley 1

WYCOMBE Wanderers' left-back George Pullin stole much of the limelight in Wycombe Wanderers' Isthmian League encounter with Bromley on Saturday by storming through the game, often as a sixth forward.

His attacking ideas led him to crack home a goal in the sixth minute and having another brilliant, first-time shot disallowed for offside against a colleague. His example was a tonic to his team-mates in the first half. But after the interval the Wanderers' main concern seemed to be to waste as little energy as possible.

Bromley's few attacking ideas were executed with painful slowness. Perhaps their main idea was to keep intact their impressive record of only 13 goals against.

Pullin's sixth-minute goal, following a throw-in from Gale, shook them badly. Before they could recover, Beck gathered a loose ball, after Hodges' header had been parried, and walked it round a defender into the net.

EASY FOR SYRETT

So intent were Bromley on conceding no more goals that it took them 31 minutes to test Dennis Syrett. Then Marshall headed weakly into the goal-keeper's arms. Perhaps then it was not surprising that Pullin should go marauding upfield.

His eagerness seemed to work splendidly for his team—but his attacking urge meant that whenever he went on a sortie Gale had to drop back to cover. The result was that the half-back was more often than not acting as full-back. This did not appear to suit Gale and he had an unhappy afternoon.

BASSETT INJURED

Only after Horseman had scored number three for Wycombe, six minutes after the interval, did the two players settle down to somewhat normal formation. But by this time the edge had gone from the game.

Lewis and Roystone contained the Bromley forwards with elegant ease, while Thomas, Horseman and Beck probed and prodded to find the weak links in the Bromley rearguard.

Hodges, who has become a firm favourite with the Wycombe crowd, and Worley both on occasions showed a clean pair of heels, but after the third goal, and an injury to David Bassett, the previous sharp, incisive play disappeared.

As Wycombe slowed down, Bromley came more into the picture. But their only reward came five minutes from time, from Micky Marshall.

Wycombe—D. Syrett; A. Lewis, G. Pullin; D. Thomas, P. Roystone, C.

Gale; L. Worley, J. Beck, D. Bassett; T. Horseman, P. Hodges.

Bromley—J. Harwood; D. Brown, R. Poole; B. Hobbs, A. Basham, D. McAllister; D. Hall; A. Viney, K. Lambeth, M. Marshall, J. Stevens.